public notice for the proposed change of land use. Keeping in view the objections/ suggestions, the plan was modified which was approved by Delhi Urban Art Commission on 16th Jan, 1990. National Airport Authority also gave its clearance with respect to height zoning.

(c) to (e) Does not arise.

Proposal from foreign direct investors in housing sector

3092. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a spate of proposals has been received from foreign direct investors in huge housing scheme, after the issue of Urban Land Ceiling (Repeal) Ordinance;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal and the amount;

(c) the investments and number of dwelling units to be constructed thereunder; and

(d) the Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (d) Many multi-national companies have been making enquiries regarding possibility of investing in the housing sector in India. Foreign investment is already permitted to non-residents of Indian nationality/origin and overseas corporate bodies predominantly owned by NRIs/PIOs having atleast 60% of beneficial interest in such bodies in the housing and real estate development sector. However, foreign direct investment (FDI) is not yet permitted in the housing sector.

Plots to slum dwellers registered under housing flat registation plan 1985

3093. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have allotted plots/flats to those persons who were living in slum areas and have registered their names under the Housing Flats Registration Plan, 1985; and

(b) if not, by when the plots/flats would be allotted to them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFARIS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) and (b) The Slum Department of MCD has reported that 5419 flats have been allotted to the registrants of 1985 scheme. Allotment letters in respect of 1066 flats, for which the draw was held in February 1999, are under issue. Allotment to the remaining registrants depends upon the availability of land.

Controversy over Pappankalan Project

3094. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM : Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Pappankalan Project again in controversy" as reported in the Statesman, dated the 8th March, 1999;

(b) if so, the facts and details reported in the news-item;

(c) whether Government propose to have any fresh thought on the construction of multi-storeyed flats in the Dwarka near the airport; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) DDA nas reported that the project has been taken up after necessary clearances from all concerned agencies/ departments including National Airport Authority and Delhi Urban Arts Commission.

(c) and (d) The construciton of any multistoreyed building/flats in Dwarka is approved and taekn up after necessary clearance from the Airport Authority of India.

Promotion to the post of Executive Engineer

3095. SHRI RAMJI LAL: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 'Degree Holder Assistant Engineers' have been superseded by 'Diploma Holder Assistant Engineer' while giving promotion to the post of Executive Engineer as per New Recruitment Rules, 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what steps Government propose to take to stop such supersession;

(d) whether there is any proposal to amend the New Recruitment Rules, 1996 to avoid such supersession; and

(e) what is the scope of promotion of Assistant Engineer having Post-Graduate Degree in CPWD alongwith their quota?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) No, Sir. Degree and Diploma Holders Assistant Engineers have been promoted in accordance with the separate quota laid down for them in the Recruitment Rules of 1996.

(b) and (c) Question do not arise in view of reply at (a) above.

(d) There is no proposal for amendment of 1996 Recruitment Rules for the present.

(e) There is no special provision for promotion of Assistance Engineers possessing post-graduate qualificaitons in the 1996 Recruitment Rules.

Low pressure of water in DDA flats, Vikaspuri

3096. SHRIMATI MALTI SHARMA: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the pressure of water in Vikaspuri paticularly in JG-II Block, DDA flats is so low that it does not reach first and second floor;

(b) whether it is also a fact that residents are facing great hardships owing to scarcity of drinking water;

(c) if so, what action Government propose to take in this regard in details; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI BANDARU DATTATREYA): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Delhi Jal Board has reproted that the water supply hours to this areas are for two hours each both in the morning and evening. Only in few houses of top floor (3rd storey) situatated at the end of the system, supply is available for relatively lesser duration. To augment the water supply further a 40 mgd. capacity water treatment plant at Nangloi has been set-up which will be commissioned on availability of raw water from Haryana.

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3097. श्रीमती मालती शर्मा: क्या शहरी कार्य और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि डी०आई०जैड० एरिया, सेक्टर-4, नई दिल्ली के केन्द्रीय लोक निर्माण विभाग